Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 811—10.6(17A,169,272C)
"Civil Penalties"

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 169.5
State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code section 169.5

Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

December 17, 2025 11 to 11:30 a.m.	Heritage West Conference Room (H560) Hoover State Office Building Des Moines, Iowa

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis, which must be received by the Board of Veterinary Medicine no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date of the public hearing. Comments should be directed to:

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Purpose and Summary

The proposed rulemaking makes an update to reflect recent statutory updates to the civil penalty amounts for discipline.

Analysis of Impact

1. **Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:**

- **Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:**

Not applicable.

- **Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:**

Not applicable.

2. **Impact of the proposed rulemaking, economic or otherwise, including the nature and amount of all the different kinds of costs that would be incurred:**

- **Quantitative description of impact:**

Licensees who face disciplinary action by the Board could be subject to a penalty of up to $10,000.

- **Qualitative description of impact:**

Financial penalties can be used to deter actions that would require disciplinary action by the Board.

3. **Costs to the State:**

- **Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:**

Not applicable.

- **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

Not applicable.

4. **Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rulemaking to the costs and benefits of inaction:**

Not applicable.

5. **Determination whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:**

Not applicable.

6. **Alternative methods considered by the agency:**

- **Description of any alternative methods that were seriously considered by the agency:**

Not applicable.

- **Reasons why alternative methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rulemaking:**

The proposed rulemaking implements a statutory requirement.

Small Business Impact

If the rulemaking will have a substantial impact on small business, include a discussion of whether it would be feasible and practicable to do any of the following to reduce the impact of the rulemaking on small business:

- Establish less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rulemaking for small business.
- Establish less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rulemaking for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Consolidate or simplify the rulemaking's compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Establish performance standards to replace design or operational standards in the rulemaking for small business.
- Exempt small business from any or all requirements of the rulemaking.

If legal and feasible, how does the rulemaking use a method discussed above to reduce the substantial impact on small business?

Not applicable.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Amend rule 811—10.6(17A,169,272C), introductory paragraph, as follows:

811—10.6(17A,169,272C) Grounds for discipline and principles of veterinary medical ethics. The provisions of Iowa Code sections 272C.10 and 169.13 are incorporated by reference. The board has established grounds for discipline and principles of ethics for veterinary medicine. Without regard as to whether the board has determined that an injury has occurred, the board may impose any of the disciplinary sanctions set forth in rule 811—10.7(17A,169,272C), including civil penalties in an amount not to exceed ~~$1,000~~ $10,000, when the board determines that the credential holder is guilty of any of the following acts or offenses: